



**Kingston Conservation Advisory Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Kingston City Hall, Date: July 12, 2016  
6:30-8:30pm**

**Council Members** Elizabeth Broad, Lorraine Farina, Emilie Hauser (Vice-Chair), Lynn Johnson, Kevin McEvoy (Secretary), Julie Noble (Chair), Casey Schwarz

- I. Welcome Guests and Public Comment:** The chairperson called the meeting to order at 640PM. No guests were present.
- II. Review and Approval:** Upon motion made by Lynn and seconded by Casey, the June 2016 Meeting Minutes as amended were unanimously approved by the council.
- III. Old Business**
  - 1. Natural Resources Inventory**
    - i. Next steps for hiring consultant:** Proposals were submitted and will be reviewed by Julie, Emilie, Kevin, Brenna Robinson and Krista Micelli if she is available. Emilie distributed the draft scoring rubric to the Council who reviewed and made suggestions for changes and edits. The reviewers will meet by conference call on Monday July 25, 2016.
  - 2. HREP 2016 grant application:** A grant application was submitted for the open space plan.
  - 3. Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley review:** Casey gave an update on the project. No motions were made and no resolutions presented.
  - 4. CFA Grant Applications update:** The list of applications that City will apply for relevant to CAC has been narrowed to: right size vehicles; fleet manager; upgrades at Kingston Point Park including possibly addressing the flooding in parking lot.
- IV. New Business**
  - 1. Recycling Enforcement and Code Review:** Section 350 of the City Code was reviewed. Julie will be meeting with DPW enforcement regarding compliance issues.
  - 2. Vessel Anchorages on Hudson River:** Matter was reviewed and discussed at the Mayor's request. Kevin read a portion of the Pace Environmental Litigation/Riverkeeper letter dated 6-30-16 requesting a public meeting which describes ecological and community impacts concerning the anchorage. Next step: Emilie to draft content for Mayor to use in comments. Link to the letter is here:  
<http://www.riverkeeper.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Hudson-Anchorage-Pub-Mtg-Request-.pdf>
- V. Announcements/Communications/Events**
  - a. Communication from Gary Pennock:** Gary Pennock who has submitted comment and attended at the CAC previously will be invited to speak at a future meeting.
  - b. Community Choice Aggregate:** A recent discussion with Citizens for Local Power resulted in the formation of a local CCA working group for which Julie is serving as Kingston representative.
- VI. Reports/Updates**
  - 1. Wood Burning/Air Quality Committee (Lorraine Farina):** Lorraine reviewed other communities' strategies for public education regarding air quality and wood burning including the San Francisco Bay Area and the Denver Metro Area. The Council expressed continued interest in a fall event with Building Safety or a public outreach brochure. Lorraine provided the following links:  
[http://www.baaqmd.gov/~media/files/communications-and-outreach/community-outreach/public-engagement/ppp\\_final\\_121713.pdf?la=en](http://www.baaqmd.gov/~media/files/communications-and-outreach/community-outreach/public-engagement/ppp_final_121713.pdf?la=en)

[https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/AP\\_PO\\_EPA-Guidance-for-Reducing-Residential-Wood-Smoke.pdf](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/AP_PO_EPA-Guidance-for-Reducing-Residential-Wood-Smoke.pdf)

An additional link to The Guide to Air Regulations for Domestic Woodburning in Colorado is below:  
[https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/AP\\_PO\\_CDPHE-Guidance-on-Residential-Burning.pdf](https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/sites/default/files/AP_PO_CDPHE-Guidance-on-Residential-Burning.pdf).

2. **Kingston Sidewalk Task Force** (Lorraine Farina): Kristen Wilson is expected to be presenting the Sidewalk Improvement District (Ithaca model) to the Mayor and is soliciting Complete Streets input in the meantime. Gabrielle Weiss, intern/consultant will prepare marketing tool.
3. **Planning Board Liaison** (Casey Schwarz): The Irish Cultural Center was on the agenda. See above under Old Business.
4. **Public Safety Liaison** (Lynn Johnson): No significant matters this month.
5. **Climate Smart Kingston (Julie Noble)**: GHG emission software to be rolled into the fleet inventory grant application; Wendell energy study under review; Electric vehicles are being purchased.
6. **Ulster County Climate Smart Committee** (Betta Broad): No report this month.
7. **Ulster County Environmental Management Council (EMC) Liaison** (Emilie Hauser): The Mayor has indicated that he will seek to renew Emilie as the City of Kingston representative to the EMC. The EMC discussed a Solar Zoning boilerplate, solar arrays at landfills and streetlight inventories. Resolution brought by Ulster County legislator from Kingston, Dave Donaldson, to keep rails in place in the linear park was mentioned.
8. **Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission** (Julie Noble): The commission continues to work its solid waste management report.
9. **Sea Level Rise Implementation Learning Group** (Julie Noble): The contracts are still in review.
10. **Climate Adaptive Design studio**: Julie reported on the June 28 meeting with Josh Cerra from Cornell and Libby Zemaitis from DEC concerning the planned Climate Adaptive Design studio a five credit course that is coordinated with different disciplines such as Cornell Dept. of Landscape Architecture and Cornell Dept. of Biological and Environmental Engineering to draft urban planning concepts in locations subject to flooding related to climate change. Students will be working in Kingston starting in Fall 2016 for several semesters.

**VII. Adjournment:** Upon motion made by Lynn and seconded by Casey, the council unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:11pm.

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